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SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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RESERVED ITEMS IN SSI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether certain items have been reserved for production under the small scale sector;

(b): if so, the number of items reserved till the end of December, 2004;

(c): the number of items dereserved from the category alongwith the date on which they were dereserved during the last three years; and

(d): the assessment regarding the benefits to small scale industry sector after deleting several items from the reserved list?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): At the end of December, 2004, the number of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector was 605.

(c): During the last three years, 211 items (including 17 sub- items) were dereserved under notifications dated 20 May 2002, 03 June, 2003 and 20 October, 2004.

(d) Items have been dereserved from time to time so as to create opportunities for higher investment and facilitate technological upgradation, quality improvement, promotion of exports and achieving economies of scale in manufacturing the said items.